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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

At the beginning of the week in most areas prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. During the week prices were reduced on all sizes in nearly all locations. The market tone was mixed, usually about steady to weak. Demand into retail channels was irregular, ranging slow to good. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to fully adequate while the lighter weights were sufficient to in close balance for current trade needs. Nest run breaking stock price range was unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Trading and demand limited for the adequate to available offerings. Most breakers satisfied with company owned production and regular commitments as product demand remains fair at best. Schedules were generally full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were down 3 cents for the large sizes, 2 cents lower for mediums. All other prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, about steady to weak. Retail demand irregular, slow to occasionally very good where features are upcoming. Food service movement was slow to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and about adequate for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production as product demand remains only fair. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	61-65
MEDIUM	53-59	56-59

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was about steady to weak. Demand into all outlets ranged light to at times good. Supplies were fully adequate on the larger sizes while mediums were in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	71-74
LARGE	64-79	69-71
MEDIUM	58-70	60-62

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** FOR W/E 18-Apr-03  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	61.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	59.00
MIDWEST	68.00	67.00	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.57	72.17	59.84

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-22-03	04-15-03	04-23-02
Large	44-48	48-52	24-27
Medium	36-40	36-40	19-23

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 21, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	18.8	8.8	13.2	12.4	62.1
	Change	-2.5	-4.8	-1.3	-2.0	-3.0	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.8	33.4	11.1	14.7	21.8	97.8
	Change	-4.7	-5.5	0.0	-7.5	-16.2	-26%
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	60.8	50.4	56.0	53.0	251.9
	Change	-18.5	-47.2	-27.0	-31.9	-41.4	-40%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	30.3	13.7	15.4	16.7	86.0
	Change	-1.9	0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-8.2	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	4.6	1.8	5.2	8.0	21.4
	Change	-1.0	-0.9	-0.2	1.1	1.8	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	16.6	7.5	14.3	5.6	50.4
	Change	3.3	-4.4	-1.4	-1.6	-1.0	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	38.3	17.9	14.8	22.7	106.9
	Change	-7.1	0.2	-1.3	-7.4	-11.1	-20%
Total	Curr Wk	88.7	202.8	111.2	133.6	140.2	676.5
Percent	Change	-27%	-23%	-23%	-28%	-36%	-28%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	676.5	-28%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	219.2	7%	37
Total Shell Egg	895.7	-21%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION****WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,045,025	25,961	9,449	5,117	1,731	4,122
PW	1,088,515	26,476	9,801	5,575	1,698	4,070
LY	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
% CHG PW	-4	-2	-4	-8	2	1
% CHG LY	-13	-10	-19	-19	-43	-3
2003	17,690,874	428,457	161,066	89,011	36,958	65,953
2002	18,051,614	416,678	179,686	96,431	42,644	65,442
% CHG YTD	-2	3	-10	-8	-13	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.73	42.19	42.29
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.78	38.45	38.75

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 12	Apr 19
Thousand				
AL	28,843	28,250	21,439	21,366
AR	30,527	30,670	23,255	24,0542
DE	3,753	4,007	4,973	5,266
FL	1,491	1,6027	1,892	1,638
GA	32,081	31,530	*25,162	23,921
KY	6,500	6,529	5,945	5,696
MD	10,069	9,924	6,341	5,945
MS	19,231	19,023	16,425	16,579
NC	18,904	19,253	15,268	15,033
OK	6,458	6,513	5,474	4,389
PA	*3,821	3,854	*2,564	2,654
SC	4,958	4,578	3,498	4,088
TX	15,153	15,220	11,888	12,314
VA	6,502	6,692	5,149	5,506
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,86721,148		*19,508	18,306
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*209,158</b>	<b>208,793</b>	<b>*168,781</b>	<b>166,755</b>
Previous Year Total	211,681	211,242	169,829	168,903
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99
* Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 31-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.47 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/17/03-04/23/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
LOADS						
GNR W 1	45.00	51.83	48.00	48.67	45.80	—
GNR W 4	—	29.00	—	—	24.75	26.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.50	—	—	59.00
GL W J	—	—	69.50	71.00	48.00	—
GL W XL	61.00	59.60	60.00	61.37	49.77	51.00
GL W LG	61.00	65.14	59.00	58.69	51.89	55.00
GL W MD	—	53.33	53.58	55.38	44.46	54.21
GL W SM	29.50	32.00	31.50	33.00	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.41	37.95
						25.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 29-Mar-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY	
ATLANTA	31.2	27.8	12	48
BOSTON	4.6	5.5	-16	24
CHICAGO	80.1	68.0	18	108
DETROIT	51.1	47.4	8	125
KANSAS CITY	6.7	7.2	-7	179
LOS ANGELES	120.7	101.4	19	39
NEW ORLEANS	16.0	14.8	8	16
NEW YORK	35.5	36.8	-4	2
ST. LOUIS	20.6	25.5	-19	20
SAN FRANCISCO	24.9	25.0	0	22
TOTAL	391.4	359.4	9	49
4 WK MVG AVG	327.2			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
AVG WT	16.18	37.07	27.80	32.09	28.66
LAST WEEK	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
SAME WK YR AGO	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
AVG WT	16.21	35.85	24.06	39.32	27.57
TO-DATE/2003	27,217	42,296	931	251	70,695
TO-DATE/2002	28,101	41,514	663	114	70,392
Check total	5,353,661	161,672	54,497	116,125	177,139

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT		
N EAST	730	-21	21.92	(A)	732	21.92	
SATL	710	-12	27.36	(A)	712	27.36	
N CENT	2,344	-6	33.27	(A)	2,346	33.27	
S CENT	317	-2	22.79	(A)	319	22.79	
WEST	398	-6	20.83	(A)	399	20.83	
U.S. TOTAL	4,499 (B)	-9	28.66	9	4,508	28.66	

TO-DATE

2003 70,444 (B)

251 70,695

TO-DATE

2002 70,278 (B)

114 70,392

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 77,000 for the year 931,000; last year to date 663,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,469	1,751	1,235	2,986	410
AVG WT	5.31	3.45	8.11	5.38	6.60
LAST WEEK	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176	405
SAME WK YR AGO	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327	449
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	7.95	5.33	6.71
TO-DATE/2003	2,387,548	26,890	21,245	48,135	6,653
TO-DATE/2002	2,445,523	29,139	20,765	49,904	7,000

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.2 million head or 8.3 million head less than or 95% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03

	Current Week 04/26/03(1)	Previous Week 04/19/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	156,172(2)	152,643
LT HENS	2,050	1,908
HVY HENS	1,285	1,271
TOTAL	159,507	155,822

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Apr-03 is 156.2 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.5 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 03-May-03 the estimated available is 158.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH				
15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL				
5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
YEAR TO DATE	2416.6	2453.0	99%	
APRIL	26	156.2		
MAY	3	158.3		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 04/21/03-04/26/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.37	41	52.99	78	
Los Angeles	69.00	67.41	58	62.92	170	
New York	50.00-53.00	52.24	21	53.10	46	

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
21-Apr-03	14-Apr-03	14-Apr-03	22-Apr-02	
57.61	-0.26	57.87	53.09	
NUMBER OF LOADS	572			

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS.** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04/21/03	2,738	189,242	61,183
AM 04/01/03	2,722	189,905	61,778
CHG	16	-663	-595
PCT CHG	1%	0%	-1%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 21-Apr-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.13
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-11 CENTS/LB.	7.75-9	8.45

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** 18-Apr-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b><u>Eastern</u></b>		
Removal Cost	0-9	5-7
<b><u>So. Central</u></b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b><u>No. Central</u></b>		
Removal Cost	0-8.5	3.0-5.5

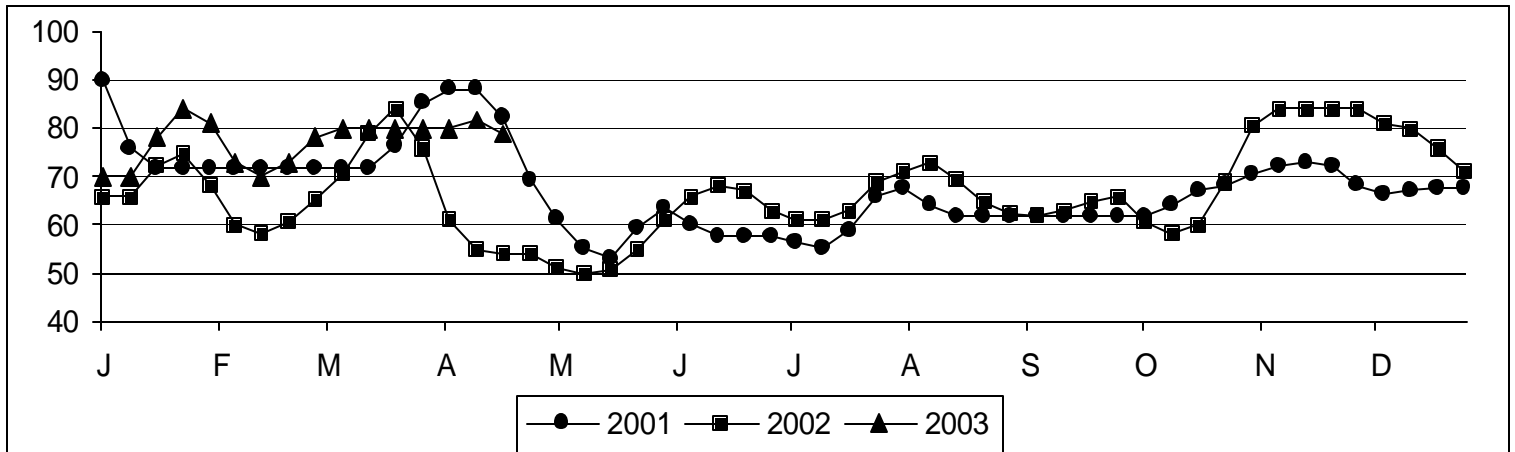
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W/E 19-Apr-03

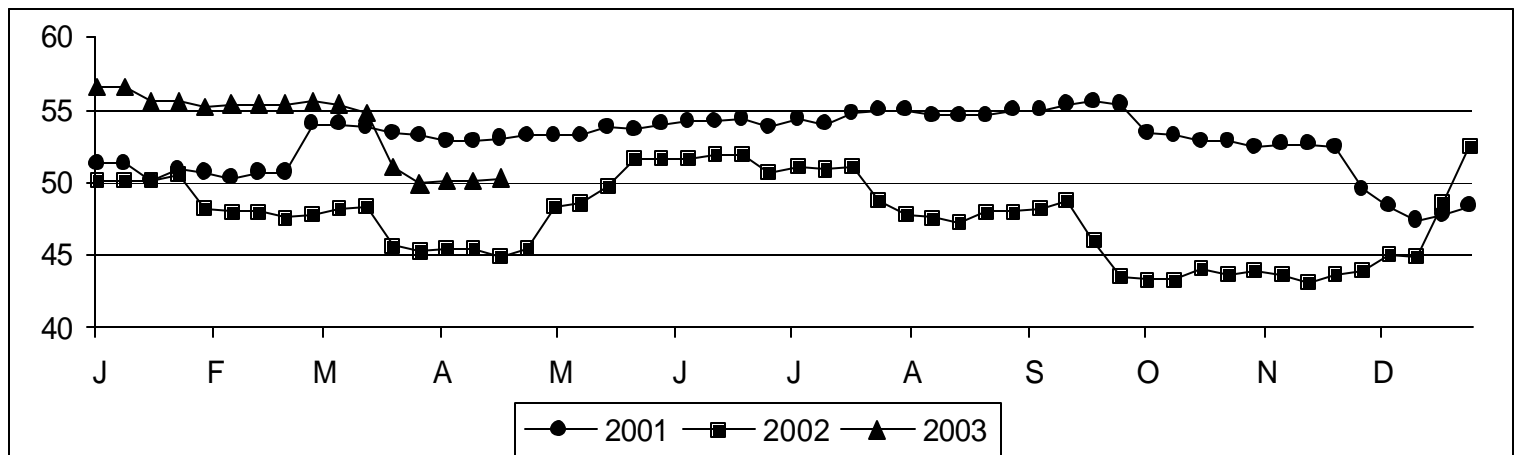
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	229.5	3	2
E.N. CENTRAL	619.5	6	12
W.N. CENTRAL	325.5	2	14
S. ATLANTIC	192.3	-3	20
S. CENTRAL	103.6	-1	31
WEST	222.3	6	14
TOTAL	1,692.7	3	13
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

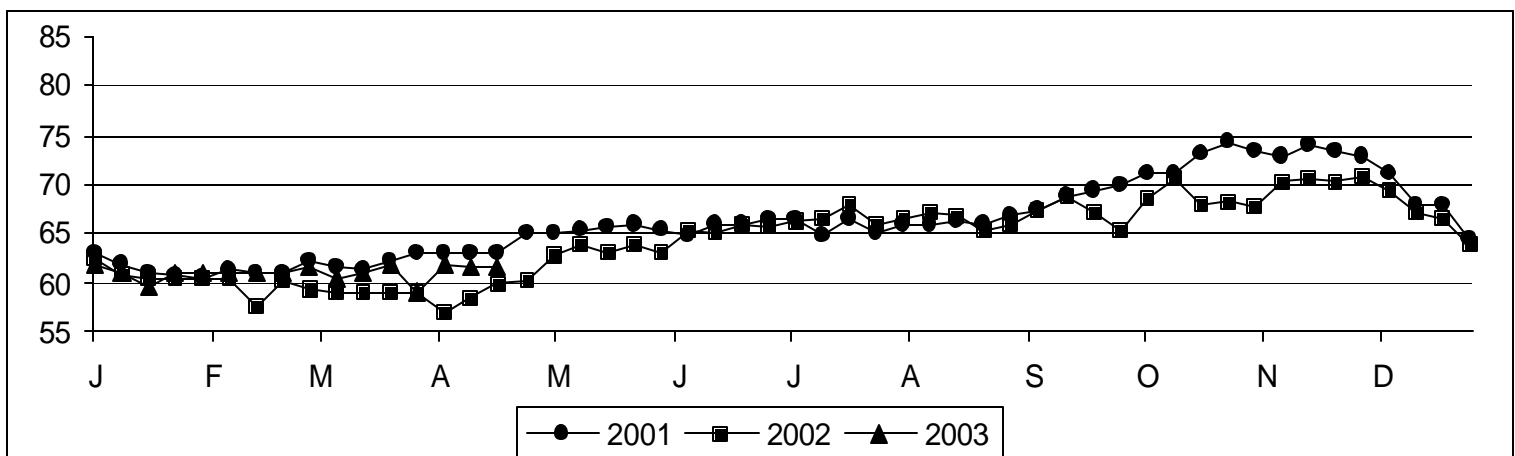
### New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



### Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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